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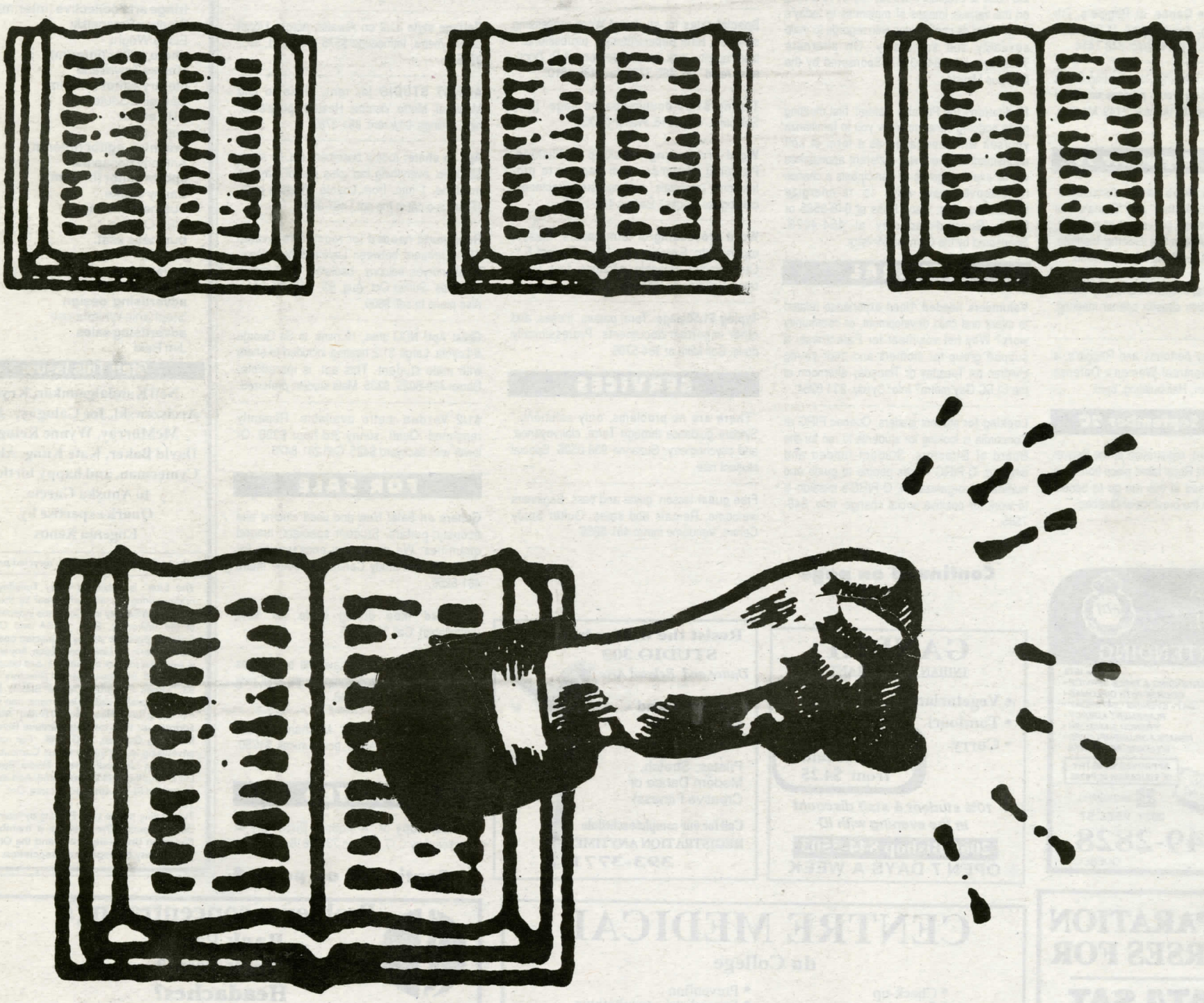

Shameful history

U of T society brings back 134 years of prejudice

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Friday, September 18

Fiesta for El Salvador, a benefit evening for Salvaide. The Shifters to perform at 8pm, and Live Tropical Band to perform until the bars shut down. At La Playa, 4459 St. Laurent. Info: 597-1047 or 270-9217.

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Saturday, September 19

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Yakhdav: Montreal's lesbian and gay jewish organization has their season opener meeting. Info: 487-2880.

Shawna Dempsey performs and Reggie's, a benefit for the Montreal Women's Defense Committee. 7th floor, Hall building, 8pm.

Sunday, September 20

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Monday, September 21

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Tuesday, September 22

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Orientation meeting for RAVEN, a group of women and men working on issues of violence against women and sex role stereotyping. 7pm, 2130 Mackay (Q-PIRG). Info: 848-7585.

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Board of Governors to set up two committees

And the investigations commence...

by Krys Arciszewski

Concordia will launch its own investigations into the Aug. 24 shooting incident when the Board of Governors convenes for the first time this semester.

The Governors will establish at least two committees to investigate the incident and factors which led to the deaths of three people and the wounding of two others.

One committee will be asked to come up with recommendations on how the university should react to an individual who "menaces" other people in the university community, said Vice-Rector Academic Rose Sheinin.

The committee will look at Valery Fabrikant's relationship with his co-workers, the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science and the university, she said.

"We tend to do the rational thing at the university; that's what we're used to (doing). We don't know how to deal with an irrational person," Sheinin said.

The committee will try to determine what led to the Aug. 24 shootings and what can be learned to help prevent any similar occurances in the future.

It is not yet known who will be on the committee. However, it is expected the majority of committee members will come from within Concordia.

A second inquiry committee will look into, but not be limited to, Fabrikant's allegations of research fraud.

Those charges, which Fabrikant made against several colleagues in the faculty of engineering and computer science, will be examined as part of a larger inquiry on scientific and academic integrity and conflict of interest, Sheinin said.

Last April, Fabrikant launched a lawsuit against mechanical engineering professor Seshadri Sankar and Engineering and Computer Science Dean M.N.S. Swamy. He accused them of taking credit for academic articles to which they had not contributed.

However, Sheinin said the idea for the inquiry into scientific and academic integrity was conceived more than a year ago in response to Fabrikant's accusations. At the time, Concordia began drawing up guidelines for a code of ethics to evaluate charges of academic misconduct.

This process was in motion long before the August shootings, Sheinin said.

"(The inquiry) has nothing to do with the massacre on Aug. 24," she said."We were already developing this as a way to deal with the issues raised by Dr. Fabrikant."

The proposed code of ethics will be a permanent guideline for evaluating and dealing with charges of conflict of interest and issues of scientific and academic integrity, Sheinin said. "The university needs these guidelines to deal fairly with such allegations," she said.

Bram Freedman, assistant legal council to the university, has been involved in writing the guidelines.

"It is in its embryonic stage," he said. "It's a working paper that has not even been examined by any decision-making body at the university."

The committee will be composed of people from outside the university.

"They will be individuals from across Canada who are instantly recognizable by the community for their fairness, integrity and expertise," Sheinin said.

Once the committee is in place, it will look at all current allegations of academic misconduct, she said.

"Fabrikant's charges will be examined along with those of other individuals in other faculties. The inquiry will not be limited to just the engineering department," she said.

Sheinin previously had investigated allegations Fabrikant raised against his colleagues in February, and found they had no basis. However, they were "one very specific set," and the committee will deal with the larger scope of his allegations, she said.

First police inquiry results expected

A joint Concordia and police investigation, which began the week of the shootings, is expected to report on its preliminary findings at next week's Board of Governors meeting.

The investigation is being conducted by the university and the Montreal Urban Community police, the Sûreté du Québec and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The mandate of the inquiry is to evaluate the events of Aug. 24 and the university's security procedures on that day.

—by Krys Arciszewski

Link staff meetings take place every Friday at 4:30 p.m. All students interested in volunteering on the paper are encouraged to attend.

Native students want voice in Quebec student organizations

by Dave Ley

(CUP) — Quebec native students want provincial student organizations to make native concerns a political priority.

"We are trying to share and to teach other students that it is obvious that the existing system has failed," said Rock Matte, aboriginal national executive representative for the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). "We want the student movement to recognize aboriginal claims."

Matte and native students from Ottawa and Montreal were at the recent extended executive meeting of l'Association Nationale des Etudiantes et Etudiants du Québec (ANEEQ) to press for their concerns.

"We came here with the intention of creating some space within ANEEQ to bring up the concerns of aboriginal students in Quebec," said James Oka, an aboriginal student from the University of Ottawa. "I was pleased to discover that ANEEQ was open-minded and progressive."

The ANEEQ council passed a motion that reads: "ANEEQ realizes that Quebec must recognize the inherent right of self government for First Nations and the right to self-determination."

The native students' attempts have been less successful with ANEEQ's right wing rival, la Fédération Etudiante Universitaire du Quebec (FEUQ) and its CEGEP counterpart, FECQ.

"We met with [FEUQ and FECQ] in an informal meeting where they considered aboriginal issues to be a non-issue," Matte said. "We feel that their views are very eurocentric."

FEUQ and FECQ are members of the International Union of Students (IUS) in Prague. The CFS is also a member of the international student body which recognized FEUQ and FECQ last year as representing a distinct group of Canadian students.

The aboriginal students' wing of the Canadian Federation of Students has made a formal appeal to the IUS that FEUQ and FECQ be thrown out of the organization. The aboriginal students cite the fact that FEUQ and FECQ do not recognize First Nations rights as reason for their appeal.

In a letter sent by the Canadian Federation of Students last July to the headquarters of the International Union of Students in Prague, it noted: "The platform that [FEUQ and FECQ] adheres to as it affects aboriginal people is in fact racist, exclusionary, and is under no circumstances acceptable."

At a time when the sovereigntist movement is taking up much of Quebec's student movement agenda, Matte reiterated that native students will not be taking sides in the nationalist debate.

"We are not in a position to respond to Quebec's aspirations, that is their business," said Matte. "How can we talk about Quebec's efforts when we still are in our own struggle?"

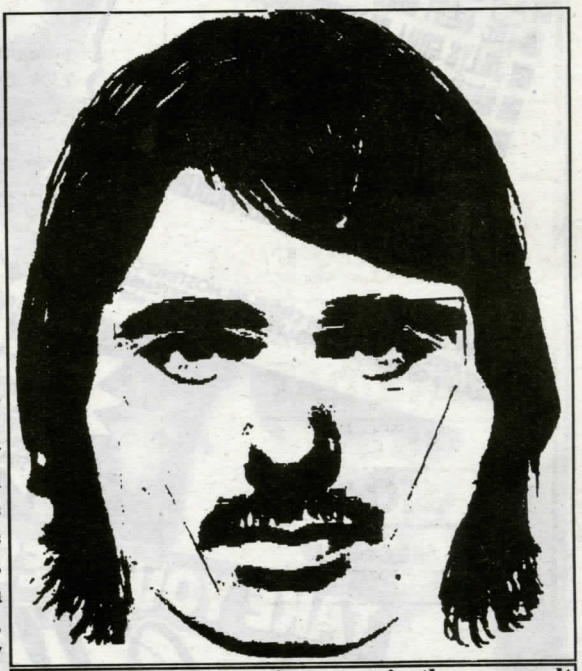
FEUQ and FECQ representatives could not be reached for comment.

Police provide drawing of suspect

Assaults reported

Assault:

Three women were assaulted on Dr. Penfield and Cote des Neiges, and Sherbrooke and de Musée on August 11 between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. Police are still looking for the suspect who is thought to be white, in his mid to late twenties. A composite drawing is being circulated. If you have any information, please call Detective Claude Marchand at Station 25 at 280-2525.



Composite drawing of suspect in three assault incidents. The suspect is described as a white male with brown hair. Police estimate he is between 25 and 35 years old.

Rape:

A woman was stabbed and raped August 29 near the corner of Milton and Ste. Famille streets. The assaulter was described as a black male, 5'8", with a husky build and an accent that was neither anglophone nor francophone.

According to the survivor, the attacker called to her from across the street, befroe crossing to her side, pulling a knife and dragging her to an alley where she was raped.

—Susan Vivian
The McGill Daily

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Tours of the Vanier Library will be offered on Tuesday at 1:45pm and 5:30pm, Wednesday at 1:45pm, and Thursday at 10:15am. Please register at the Vanier Library Reference Desk or call 848-7766.

The Quilted Tongue: Concordia's Creative Writing Journal, is seeking an editorial staff for its 92-93 edition. All students welcome. Call Joel 342-0547 or Tanya 485-2860 for meeting times.

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The Amateur Radio Club will be meeting every Tuesday from 7pm to 11pm in H-664-1. Activities include shortwave listening, international contests, data communications, TV transmission, and much more. Licensing classes start in October. Info: 8489-7421.

Montréal Sexual Assault Centre, 24 hour crisis line: 934-4504.

The Legal Information Service: IF you have problems with your landlord, or with a contract that you signed, or you are looking for information on divorce, we can help! Offices at room CC-326, 7141 Sherbrooke St. West, 848-4960 from 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday. Services are free and confidential.

Annual Septemberfest for Mature Students: Saturday, September 26. A get-together including study skills workshops, a library tour and a panel discussion. Lunch included. Tickets: $12 available at the Centre for Mature Students, LB-517 or AD-424. Limited space so register early. Info: 848-3890/95.

Call for submissions to Queeries: an anthology of Canadian gay male prose in English. Deadline is February 28, 1993. Chosen contributors will be paid a fee for their work. Queeries, Dennis Denisoff, Editor, 1619 rue de la Visitation, Montreal, QC H2L 3C2.

Volunteers needed at Project Genesis: for new Home Modification Program for Seniors, which is aimed at preventing falls at home. We are looking for bilingual volunteers (preferably seniors) for the organizing committee, to be trained to go on home visits, and to make technical aids. Info: Manon or Adeena at 738-2036.

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U of T allows society to continue "tradition" of hate

by Naomi Klein

TORONTO (CUP)— Episkopon will hold its first official "reading" this week since controversy led the University of Toronto's Trinity College to suspend the group last October.

But the lifted suspension could land the university in court.

Trinity College suspended Episkopon after the group was accused of harassing members of the college on the basis of their gender, race and sexual orientation.

Episkopon—a secret and exclusive society—is similar to a fraternity and funded by the Trinity student council. Episkopon has a men and women's chapter which hold sex-segregated activities.

Although all students at Trinity College are considered automatic members of Episkopon, the scribe (the head of the group) and the editors (the group's other officials) organize Episkopon's "readings" three times a year. At readings, the scribe reads gossip about fellow students to the rest of the college.

"This group has absolutely no right to exist on this campus," said Farhan Memon, a fourth-year Trinity student and member of Students Against Episkopon (SAE).

In a Sept. 3 letter, SAE's lawyer Ronald Manes told U of T President Rob Prichard and Governing Council Chair Robert McGavin that (SAE) will go to court if the university fails in "eliminating the relationship between Episkopon and Trinity College."

Ontario's Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, Marion Boyd and the federal NDP Status of Women Critic, Dawn Black, last month called on the Ontario Minister of Colleges and Universities, Richard Allen, to launch an inquiry into Episkopon.

"After reviewing some of the material on this student group, I am appalled," wrote Black in an Aug. 20 letter to Allen.

"They engage in behaviour that encourages violence against women and their members harass students and staff at Trinity College through blatant sexist, racist and homophobic remarks and actions."

After the group's suspension, the college struck a task force which substantiated the harassment allegations.

The task force's report included recommendations which allowed the group's 134-year-old tradition to continue, but prevented future harassment.

But Episkopon rejected some of the key recommendations, including one which called for the scribe and editors to be elected by the Trinity student body.

Episkopon's outgoing scribe appoints the next scribe and editors.

Memon said Trinity should have continued its suspension of Episkopon.

"They were found guilty. The task force recommended a compromise. It became the duty of the college to implement that compromise," said Memon. "It was in certain framework that the abuses occurred. You have to change the framework to prevent further abuses."

But Trinity Dean of Men Bruce Bowden said the group deserved to have their suspension lifted provisionally because it did implement some substantial reforms such as drafting a constitution, allowing students to opt out of their Episkopon membership and receive a fee refund, allowing the student council to oust the scribe if the scribe commits a serious offence (although s/he retains the right to appoint a successor).

Bowden said the college will decide by Oct. 15 whether the reforms are adequate in the long-term.

David Neelands, U of T assistant vice-president of student affairs, said the changes so far are still not adequate.

He added that the task force's suggestions for an accountable and democratic Episkopon should be enforced.

"We are talking about a thorough break from these discredited past traditions," said Neelands.

But Episkopon's new scribe Andrew Comrie-Picard told a meeting of the Trinity College Council that Episkopon was unwilling to implement the recommendation that scribes be elected because it went against the nature of the organization and its need for "continuity."

Marion Boyd said the time for reforms has passed, and the real issue now is the organization's nature.

"Although Trinity College's task force recommended that the 'tradition' of Episkopon be maintained pending certain structural changes, I would encourage a policy of zero tolerance," wrote Boyd in an Aug. 19 letter to Richard Allen.

Reported incidents involving Episkopon:

1985: A student whose sexual orientation was attacked in a reading attempted suicide by overdosing on medication.

1989: During an Episkopon orientation event, first year men were told to describe how they would date rape the Trinity women they had met that week. They were then forced to kiss and suck a dildo that was covered with shaving cream and lodged in the mouth of a skull while Episkopon members shouted "fag" and "deep throat it."

1989: During an Episkopon reading, a joke was made about the former president of Pakistan, Zia ul-Haq, referring to him as a "dead Paki president."

1990: A verse in an Episkopon reading aimed at a male student read: "Ha, ha, have you any luck? No sir, no sir, she won't fuck. I've tried dildos, I've tried toys, maybe next time I'll try little boys."

1990: An Episkopon editor physically assaulted a student who was caught circulating an advance copy of a reading. He was treated in hospital for bruised ribs.

1991: During an Episkopon-related orientation skit, a woman of Sri Lankan descent crawled out in front of her assembled peers, dressed in rags, covered in dirt and wearing a sign which read "token ethnic."

1991: A male Trinity student entered an Episkopon reading with his college gown doused in gasoline. He threatened to light his gown on fire if his name was mentioned.

1991: A scene in an Episkopon reading described a female college administrator being sexually assaulted and murdered.

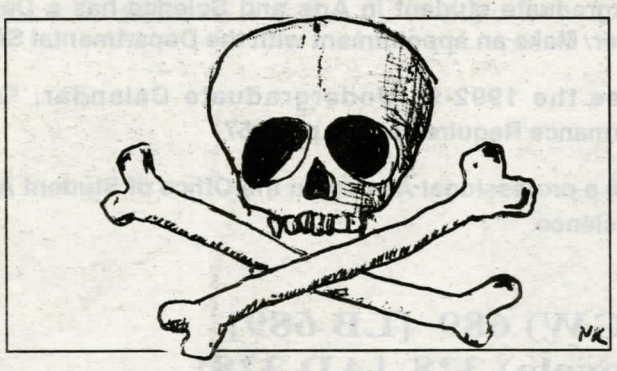
1991: A bucket of human feces and urine was dumped in the room of Farhan Memon, Episkopon's most vocal critic.

Menstruation taboo helps hide health risks

When we were young, we were told to fear it.

When it came, we were told to hide it.

Menstruation is the stigma of womanhood upon which an entire industry has been built. However, the facts that are now surfacing about feminine hygiene products are proving to be dirtier than any lies we have been told about menstruation itself.



In 1981, a U.S. Food and Drug Administration study found tampons contain magnesium, boron, aluminum, litanium, surfactants, acids, alcohols, waxes, amines and hydrocarbons. These can amount to anywhere from .05 per cent of an o.b. tampon to 3.8 per cent of a Playtex deoderant tampon.

Well, at least they are sterile, right? Wrong. At one time, a toxic gas called ethylene oxide was used to sterilize them but it was later discovered that it left a residue. Currently, no other form of sterilization is used.

Tampons are, however, bleached to obtain that crisp white look of which the industry is so proud. Yet dioxin residue is found in tampons due to the chlorine bleaching process and the production of rayon (most tampons are made of a rayon-cotton blend).

Studies in Sweden have linked these residues to uterine cancer. Dioxins have also been linked to immuno-depression and reproductive failure.

Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS), a life-threatening disease only recently associated with tampon use, is another concern for tampon users that is not adequately addressed.

In the spring of 1980, doctors in Canada and the U.S. were facing a new, sometimes fatal, disease that left women with symptoms such as high fevers, vomiting, low blood pressure and liver and kidney failure. Some of the women died.

A pattern was later discovered: all the patients were menstruating and using tampons. The fact emerged that tampon use was a major contributing factor in the disease called Toxic Shock Syndrome.

According to Whitewash, a book written by Liz Armstrong and Adrienne Scott, which addresses the health and environmental dangers of women's sanitary products, by January of the following year, 942 cases of the disease were reported in the U.S., including 40 deaths. Sixty-one cases surfaced in Canada with a fatality count of three.

These are only a few of the shocking discoveries being made about tampons in the past few years. According to Ann Montgomery, one of four people working on an awareness campaign about feminine hygiene products at the Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG), information about these products is hard to come by.

"There is more research on dioxin in coffee filters than dioxins in tampons," she says.

Though the OPIRG project is funded by a provincial grant of the Ministry of the Environment, Montgomery says the federal government has done very little in the way of research on the subject. She says all the research is done by the industry itself.

"Any negative research is not going to be published," she says. "Consumers who want to know about this issue have no where to go."

Yet women are still dying from this lack of knowledge. This summer in Charlesbourg, Que., a 22-year-old woman showing all the initial symptoms of TSS died of the disease. Symptoms include fever, vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat and dizziness.

Montgomery and OPIRG are working to fill the factual void about feminine hygiene products that persists and make women who use them more informed as consumers. An informed consumer is the key to change, she says.

"Women have the entire consumer clout," she says. "They can change the industry in six weeks through buying habits if everyone did it at once."

In fact, Whitewash details what happened in early 1989 when the British group, Women's Environmental Network, published a book called *The Sanitary Protection Scandal* which exposed the environmental and health implications of the production, use and disposal of sanitary products.

The result was a flood of more than 50,000 letters from all over the United Kingdom to manufacturers and government. Within six weeks, all the major manufacturers had promised changes. Tampon companies currently include a warning about TSS inside the package but Montgomery says this is not enough.

She says that like cigarettes, tampon boxes should carry a bold warning about TSS on the outside. However, she adds that warnings are not enough and that the government should "order the removal of all chlorine compounds in every step of the production of tampons."

Women who are concerned with the issue but still want a "disposable alternative" can purchase non-chlorine bleached all-cotton tampons. A more environmentally sound option is reusable cotton pads.

Political action is also encouraged. Calling or writing your MP or the manufacturers of feminine hygiene products is effective.

—Roxane Poulin

More information can be obtained at the OPIRG office, 613-230-3076. QPIRG at Concordia and GRIP Québec at l'Université de Montréal can also be called for information on this issue. The U de M group plans to present a talk on Friday, Oct. 16 at 3 p.m. Call Véronique from U de M at 735-7074 or Tara from Concordia QPIRG at 848-7585 .

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Fringe Arts

Sun sets on World's Longest Day

by Stephen Smegelski

The **World's Longest Day** telethon ended at around 12:30 this morning following performances by dancer Margie Gillis and local bands **Bare Bones** and **Me, Mom & Morgentaler**.

"In terms of on-the-air telethons, it looks as good as Jerry Lewis," said volunteer Mark Carpenter. "The entertainment is, of course, a lot better."

Concordia's TV club, CUTV, broadcast live starting Tuesday the 60-and-a-half hour telethon aimed at raising funds for local AIDS groups such as Cactus Montreal and AIDS Community Care Montreal.

Organizer Colin Kish said telephone pledges rang to the tune of about $17,000. Proceeds from concert entrance fees piled in nearly $3,000, he added.

However, telethon expenses will probably hover around $30,000, Kish said. "Of which we raised about $24,000 before the telethon began."

However, he pointed out that the final figure will only be known by next year because more bills have to trickle in.

"I'd like (the telethon) to be remembered that we raised people's consciousness at the university," Kish said.

Paul Gott and the Ripcordz at the Hard Rock Café.

"This is the most ambitious, off-the-wall project ever," said Camera Control Unit operator Nathalie Gural.

Me, Mom and Morgentaler bassist Matthew Lipscombe lauded the event.

"I admire the spirit of these people staying up. They're real troopers. I think we're going to see a lot more of it," Lipscombe said. "Montreal's a bit behind the times. It's good to see this geared towards community-based support for people with AIDS."

AIDS is a virus not a moral issue

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CKUT health reporter Trudy Novack and Pierrette Héom of Cactus Montréal.

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Sharing needles or syringes for injecting drugs

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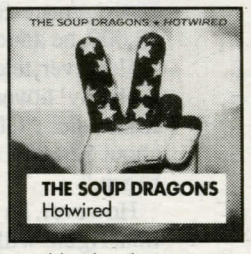

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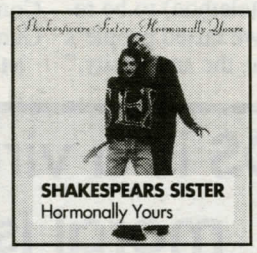

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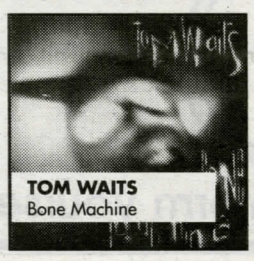

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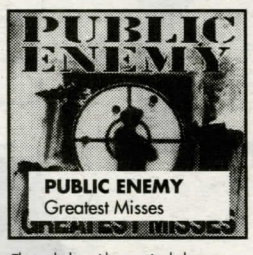

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Cheesy *Singles*

by Alana Cymerman

What more can be said about singles in their twenties other than they are in desire of nothing more than a relationship that is neither a claustrophobic trap nor a frustrating game? This is how Cameron Crowe, director and writer of *Singles*, seems to perceive most of the twentysomething generation. He seems to have made light of their concerns.

The opening scene shows a montage of Seattle's grunge music scene (**Pearl Jam**, **Soundgarden** and **Alice in Chains**) by night. The characters introduce themselves to the camera, one by one, the music playing an important part in advancing their individual destinies.

There's Linda (Kyra Sedwick), an earthy, free-spirited environmentalist. Having badly rebounded off a two year relationship with a boring "sensitive ponytail type" she is as afraid of getting involved as she is of the disintergration of the ozone layer.

Steve, a city engineer, also on the rebound, had promised himself to put order into his life. Meeting Linda was not in his plans.

Off-the-wall narratives illustrate the characters' relationship experiences and personal idiosyncracies, working to spoof this generation and its pop culture conveniences.

Forgetting our deeper troubles and less-comic romances, *Singles* focuses on the very basic precept that we are all searching for that "connecting" someone. This may be true, but it is nonetheless simplistic to portray it as being the only cause of grief among this generation.

Singles, although at times satirical, should not be mistaken for the insightful film of the decade. It is a light, romantic comedy where many of us will at times laugh at our own familiar foibles.

Yet Linda and Steve are living in the Nineties and the politics of dating are very different, let alone confusing. Neither knows how to express their feelings for one another without appearing desperate or disinterested.

Then there is Janet (Bridget Fonda), Steve's neighbour. She is disillusioned by her love for her musician neighbour Cliff (Matt Dillon) who is about as attentive to her as he is to his intellect.

Bridget Fonda and Matt Dillon in *Singles*.

Inspired as she is by his "artistic drive", she repeatedly tries to get his attention. One of her attempts involves paying a visit to the plastic surgeon where she hopes to mould her figure to suit Cliff's ideal of a woman's body.

Finally, there is Debbie, who is obsessed with dating and is as superficial as they come. She hopes to find her potential through a video dating service.

The film is consistent in terms of plot as it is divided into a series of thematic vignettes bearing such titles as: *Have Fun Stay Single*, *The Theory of Eternal Dating* and *What Took You So Long?* However, there are time gaps within these sequences which create narrative inconsistancies.

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Revolver spins its wheels

by Anuska Garcia

Hype, hype, hype and more fucking hype. They're about as thrashing as my great aunt and as young as CEGEP students. This is **Revolver**. Enter a young fresh-faced band from London, home of the ficklest pop critics who might praise a band as their own heirs of the Great British Pop establishment and the next day they've been demoted to being the Establishment janitors.

"It's disheartening but we get used to it," says bassist Hamish Brown. "The British press is very fickle. They'll bring bands up to a certain level before they've had a chance to make it and then they'll get a kick in the teeth. We realize that so we override what they write because it's only one person's opinion anyways. Bad press can be as good because people can remember the band and listen to the records."

Formed in 1990, the eldest member of the band is 20. They released two EPs on Hut Records, a British-based indie label, until they got picked up by Caroline, re-released the three EPs on a compilation album earlier this year and got slotted a show for the New Music Seminar in New York City last June, in which, according to Hamish, the crowd was ecstatic, "singing the songs during the gig."

They don't think that the American market is hard to pierce, being signed onto Caroline Records with a distribution deal with none other than MCA in America. Nah. Not hard to pierce at all.

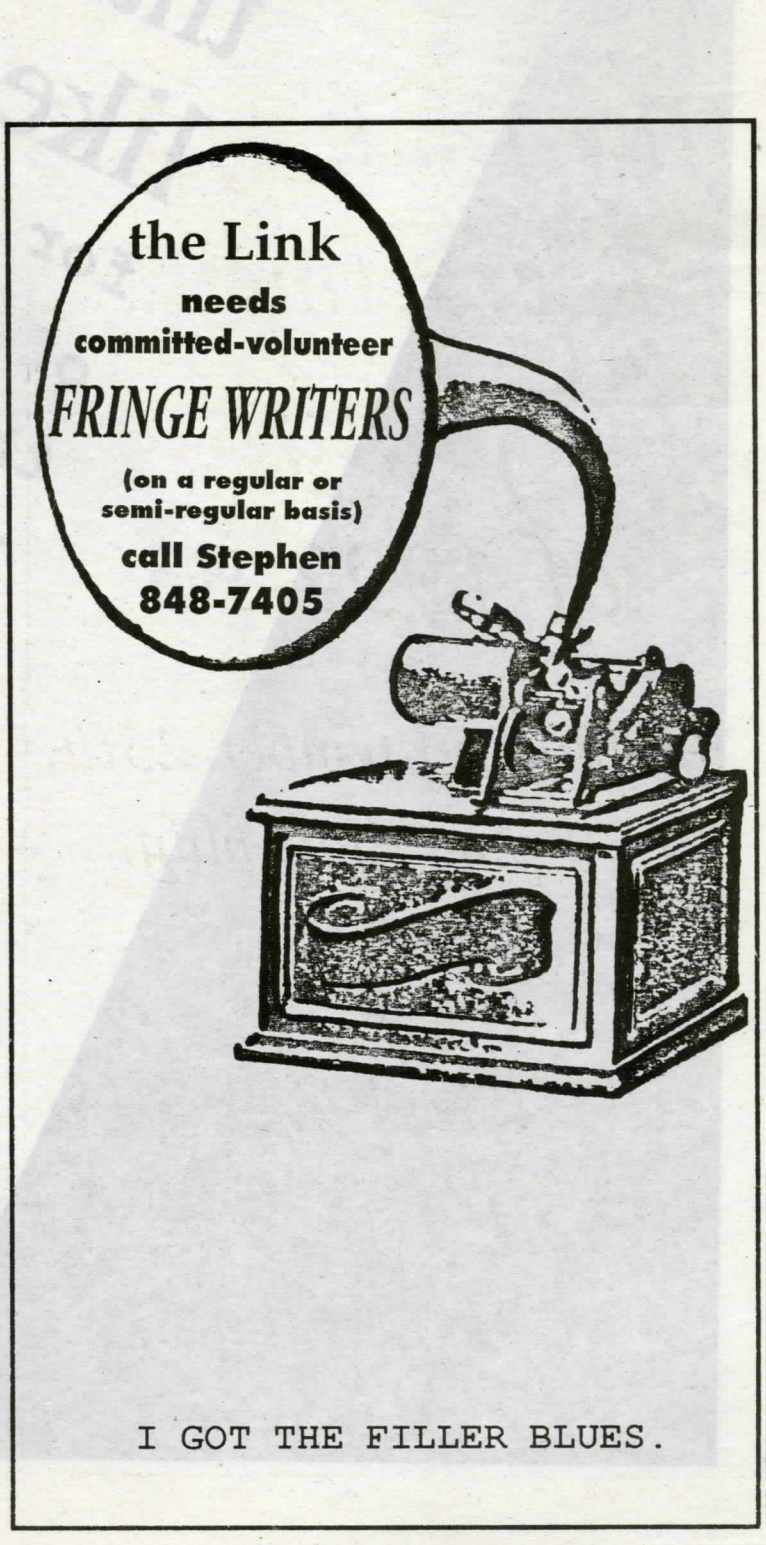
SPIN magazine called the lead singer a "half-cherubic, half-demonic face that was made to grace magazine covers and weaken teenage knees." On that perspective bassist Hamish notes, "It's flattering. We're used to that sort of thing. In the end we laugh because we know the music is more important. We believe a band should look good. There's nothing wrong with that."

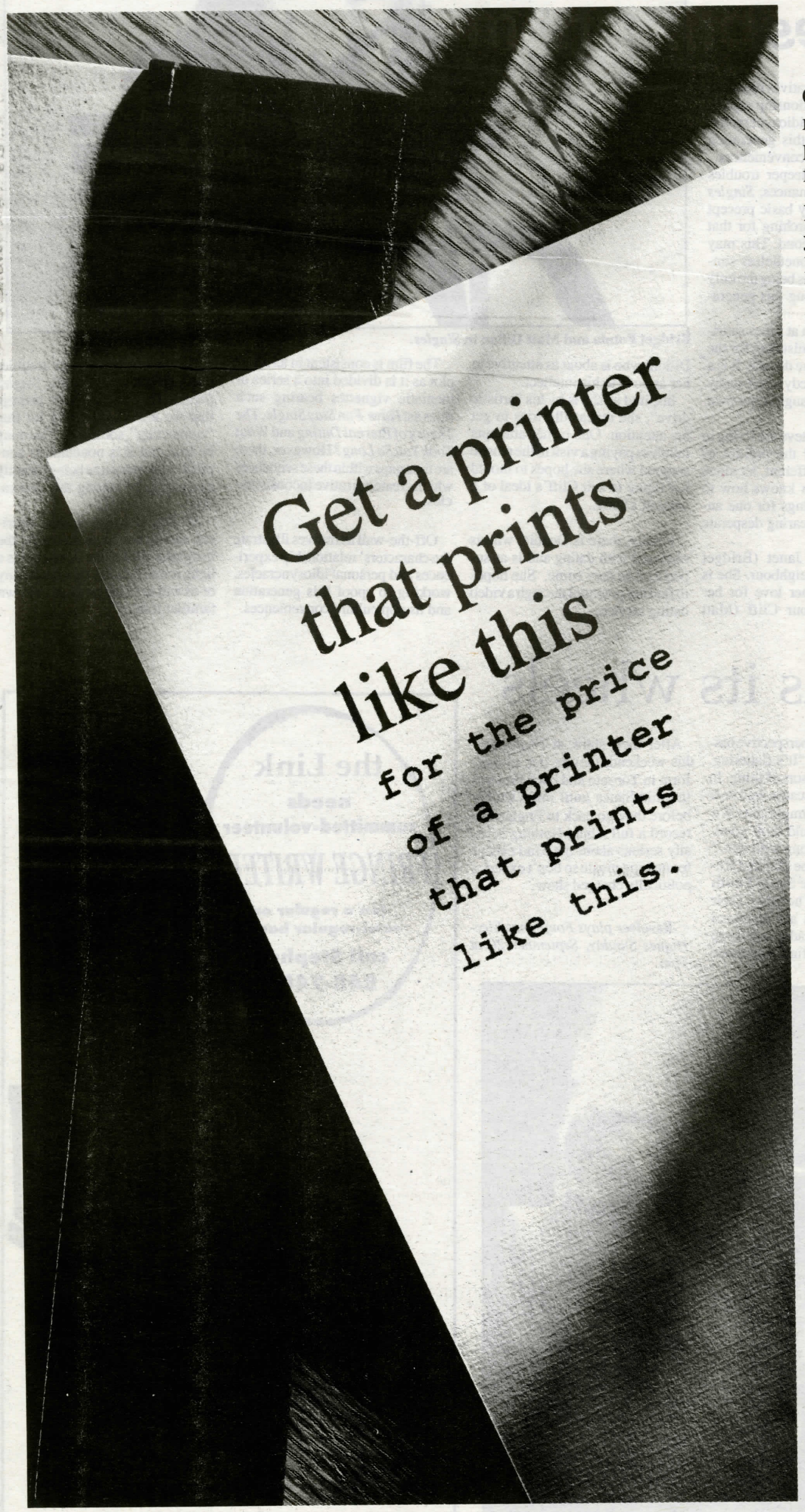
Musically, it can be said that **Revolver** belong to the **Sonic Youth** Sassy School of Thought. Their grunge sensibilities are tempered with some reverb-madness and pop vocals. In short, a fun experience on CD.

After their show at Foufounes this weekend, they're due to perform in Toronto and back down to the mid-States until mid-October before they go back to England to record a full album. Nothing is really serious about the band except for making music so don't expect a politically charged show.

Revolver plays Foufounes Electriques Sunday, September 20 at 9pm.

Revolver's Hamish Brown, Nick Dewey and Mat Flint.





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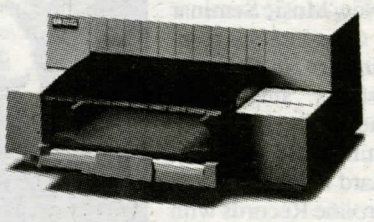

HEWLETT PACKARD

Bragging rights at stake in Shrine Bowl

by J.P. Laurin

On Saturday, Molson Stadium will serve as the battleground for this year's Shrine Bowl, pitting the Concordia Stingers against the Redmen from McGill.

The game will mark the sixth time in as many years that the men's football team has played a regular season game with proceeds going to the Shriner's hospital.

The tradition started in 1986 when then-Stinger coach Skip Rochette approached the Shriner's organization with the idea of a charity football game versus crosstown rival McGill. Born was the coveted Shriner's Cup, an added incentive for the victors, who would already be hungry for city bragging rights.

Traditionally, the Shrine Bowl draws the largest crowd of the season. This year, weather permitting, the expected turnout is over ten thousand.

To date, the event has raised over $50,000.

Concordia looks to even its record at 1-1, after last week's narrow loss to Queen's. The Redmen hope to extend their record to 2-0, having pulled off something of an upset last week beating Ottawa on the Gee Gees home field.

The contest gets underway at 1:30 pm, with a ConU/Tim Horton's sponsored bus transporting fans from McGill metro to the stadium, fifteen minutes before gametime.

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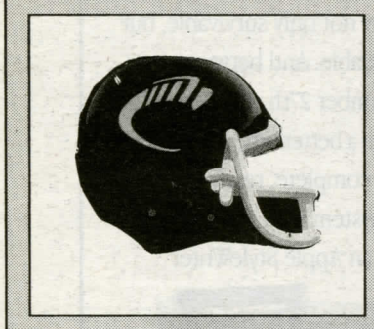
Organizers expect this Saturday's Shrine Bowl to draw more than 10,000 fans.

SPORTSBRIEFS

The men's and women's soccer teams are preparing to kick off their respective seasons. Both teams hope to avenge championship game losses last year to (ugh) McGill. The men lost on penalty kicks while the women were defeated in a heartbreaking double O/T.



Concordia's basketball teams started dryland training this week, as did both hockey teams. Dryland entails running up and down the stadium stairs far more times than any non-athlete would care to imagine.

Just a question: If Serge Savard can trade John Kordic for Russ Courtnall, who eventually turns into Brian Bellows, a proven 50 goal scorer, what the hell is he doing giving Stephane Lefebvre to the Maple Laughers for nothing? I guess we all have our good days and bad!

The Link Sports department loves and prays for the Expos!

Habs in London

Why so much armour? An englishman's view

by Emerson C. Stodgey, III

Having spent the better part of a fortnight anxiously anticipating the arrival of the colonials to display their national pasttime, I now in the post game discussion find myself somewhat perplexed at numerous peculiarities in the game of hockey.

Initially, I must inquire about the necessity for such an enourmous amount of body covering or, as the colonists refer to it, equipment.

Padded pants and shoulder coverings, the goaler with such cumbersome padding on his legs, even the judges requiring helmets and shin gaurds. Surely, the colonists have grown soft in their independence.

If this hockey is to replace such a dear and manly game as rugby here in the beautiful U.K., there must be some reduction of armament. A game is simply not a game without the looming possibility of unprotected, grave physical injury. How is one athlete expected to bludgeon another when they are all wearing protective head coverings? After all, long sleeve shirts are protection enough for the tough rugger.

Secondly, I must contest the tiny amount of space the hockey facility allows the spectators. The chairs are simply far too close together to permit the all-out bedlam that should occur upon realization of a goal. It is too tight to get a good swing at the gentleman standing beside you or let off a good kick at those in front. And the terrible steepness of the arena completely abolishes the possibility of leaping onto other fans three and four rows ahead. What sport disallows the devotees ample excitement release space?

And finally, the between period nourishment of the players is all but archaic. Get with the times children! Water and oranges are no longer the 'power food'. Oxford studies have proven that a couple of pints of good thick stout or heavy Guiness provides more than enough energy to last the duration. And nothing matches the carbohydrate content of a chemically produced, restricton-free sausage.

Sorry Canada, but hockey is not yet the sport for the Queen.

Rebuilding year for men's hockey

by J.P. Laurin

"There are some large holes to fill, but we have a good group of young players who will be very competitive this year," says Stinger assistant coach Blake Hamilton.

Training camp opened for the men's hockey team this past Monday, with some key absences drawing the attention of coaches and fans.

Last year's captain Jeff Gill, assistant captain Mark Davidson and second year man Steve Sonoski have all moved on, leaving big holes in the Stinger's offense.

However, these problems are overshadowed by the loss of all - star goaltender Bobby Desjardins.

Replacing Desjardins, who graduated last spring, is the coaching staff's main priority.

Desjardins' likely successor will be the Stingers' second-string goalie, Scott Donaldson. Donaldson will face stiff competitionhowever, from no less than four rookies, all hungry for a starting role with the club.

Replacing Bobby Desjardins will be the coaching staff's biggest chalienge this year

Newcomers to watch in training camp will be Patrice Martineau who has seen playing time with the Laval Titans, and forward Eric Rochette, another major junior player from Drummondville.

Leading the team this year will be returning veterans Pat Ryan, Richard Ayotte, Skip Langton and Derrick Potts.

Potts will be a late entry though, due to an altercation with a referee in last year's final game.

A slapshot, guided just a little too much in the ref's direction, will cost Potts the first six games of the regular season.

The Stinger's will be on the ice this weekend in preparation for a four game preseason mini-series against defending champions Trois-Rivieres.

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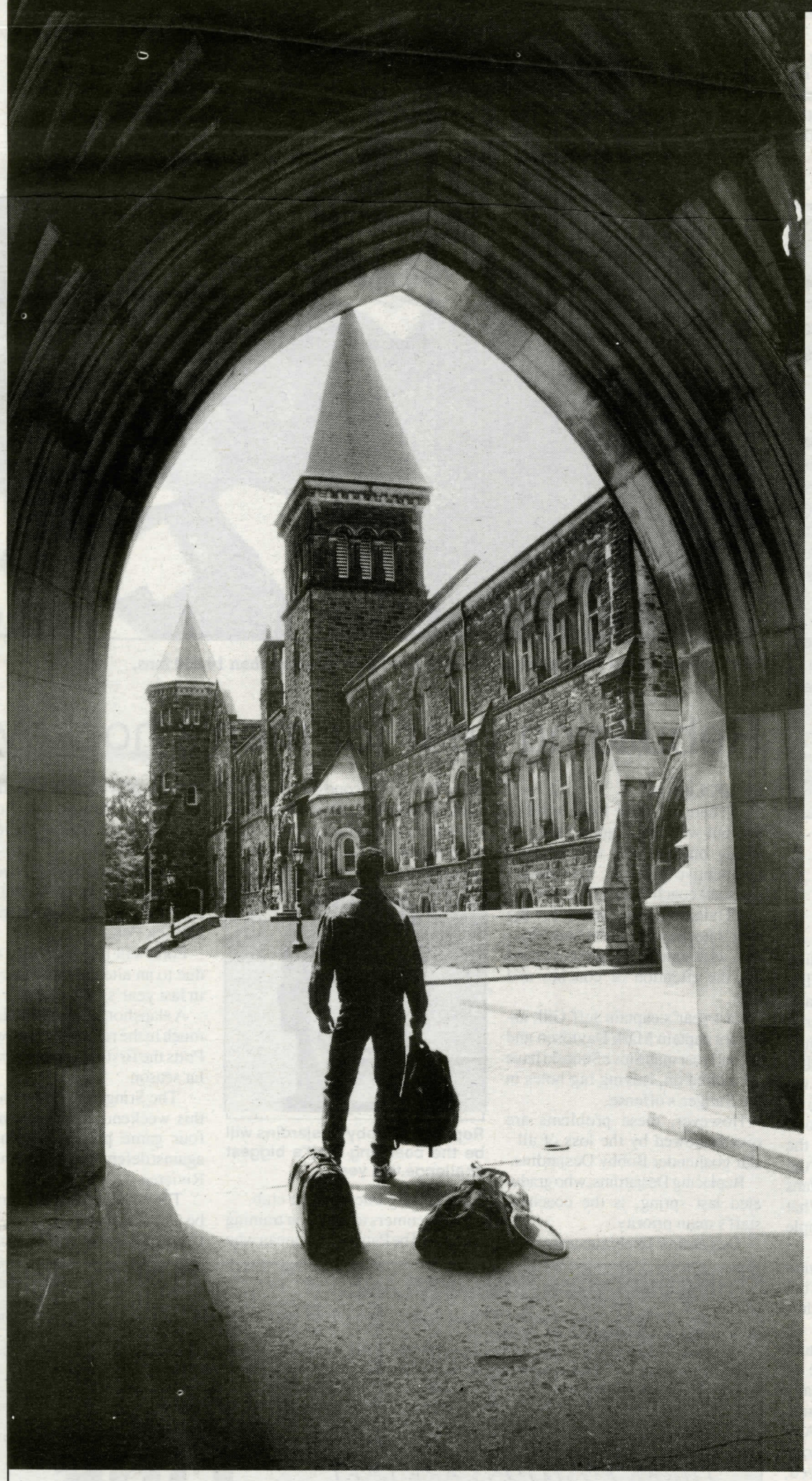

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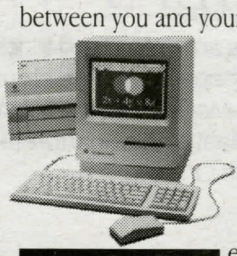

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